



## Centerfuse

**Ellensburg Business Development Authority**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
Regular meeting held synchronously in-person and virtually  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**4:00-5:30 PM**

Members in Attendance: Garrett Poshusta, Chair; Andreas Bohman, Vice Chair; Grant Clark, Treasurer; John Perrie, Board Member; Jennifer Lubanski, Board Member, James Jankowski, Board Member; and Jared Vallejo, Board Member

Others present: Jeff Snedeker, Arts Commission member; Rich Elliott, Ellensburg City Council liaison; and Margaret Reich, Executive Director

Absent: Del Bankston, Secretary; Bob Rapp, Board Member

**1. Meeting Called To Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the April 2023 meeting agenda by John Perrie, second by Grant Clark. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the March 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes by Grant Clark, second John Perrie. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**4. Public Comment**

Executive Director Margaret Reich introduced new staff member Matt Carstens.

**5. Board Business**

a. Organizational Effectiveness

Grant Clark, Treasurer presented the financial reports.

Economic Development Assistant Carstens reported on research into possible energy efficiency incentives and rebates for updates to the Business Park

b. Build Local Capacity

Executive Director Reich participated in the city's interview panel, contracting with Place Dynamics for the space study, and possible consultant visit early May or June. Board member Lubanski reported on the Arts Alliance meeting and the upcoming retreat.

c. Marketing



CenterFuse has entered into a marketing agreement with Manastash Media to raise awareness and share stories about the work of CenterFuse. Economic Development Assistant Carstens provided an update to the implementation of the recommendations in the key industry report.

d. **Business Recruiting & Expansion**

The Executive Director provided a progress report on prospective large distribution center, I-90 and Bowers Field prospects. Updates from grant funded projects including the USDA Non-Residential Building and Land data collection, the CERB I-90 West Interchange Private Development study, the CERB Value-Added Wood Products study, Cat Tank and food truck projects. Food trucks @EHS competition happens late April.

Council liaison Elliott shared information about Bowers Field, letting the Board know the city has no plans to annex this area in the short term.

6. **For the good of the order**

Executive Director Reich informed the board of a grant application to Commerce's Innovation Cluster Accelerator Launch Program for Cybersecurity, a meeting facilitated by CenterFuse between CWU, SCWC, and Kittitas County on workforce development, meeting with Microsoft and an invitation to attend Flywheel as a guest of Microsoft. The Board discussed getting on the Ellensburg City Council calendar to present in May. Staff will follow up with the city.

7. **Adjournment** – time 5:23 Motion to adjourn by Grant Clark

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**Approved:** *Garrett Poshusta*

**Submitted by:** Margaret Reich

